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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, **Takahiro Kimura** and **Hiroyuki Kato** do hereby and state as follows:

1. We are both co-inventors of the above referenced application, and U.S.

Application No. 09/756,879 (hereinafter the “‘879 Application”) filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2001.

2. We understand that the Examiner in the ‘879 Application has indicated that claim 8, and related subject matter, in the above referenced application is similar to claim 1 in the ‘879 Application.

3. The invention as set forth in claim 8, and the corresponding disclosure, in the above referenced application was invented solely by **Takahiro Kimura** and **Hiroyuki Kato**.

4. The invention set forth in claim 1 of the ‘879 Application was invented solely by **Takahiro Kimura** and **Hiroyuki Kato**.

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5. **Takaya Yamanaka** did not contribute to the invention recited in claim 8 of the present application.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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